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In the matter of:

DOCKET NO. S-20554A-07-0552

G'IEBER FINANCIAL, LLC, a Delaware limited) liability company, CRD#128954) 2500 South Power Road, Ste 222-Rm 213) Mesa, AZ 85208) DAVID A. GOTLIEB, CRD#2089760 and)

NOTICE **OPPORTUNITY** OF **FOR HEARING** REGARDING TO **ORDER** CEASE AND **ORDER FOR** RESTITUTION, FOR **ADMINISTRATIVE** PENALTIES. **OF** DENIAL, **AND FOR OTHER** AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB, husband and wife

Respondents.

NOTICE: EACH RESPONDENT HAS 10 DAYS TO REQUEST A HEARING

EACH RESPONDENT HAS 30 DAYS TO FILE AN ANSWER

The Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") alleges that G'IEBER FINANCIAL, LLC ("G'IEBER") and DAVID A. GOTLIEB ("GOTLIEB") have engaged in acts, practices and transactions that constitute violations of the Arizona Investment Management Act, A.R.S. § 44-3101 *et seq.* ("IM Act").

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the IM Act.

II. RESPONDENTS

2. G'IEBER, CRD#128954, is a limited liability company organized on or about December 3, 2001 under the laws of the state of Delaware. G'IEBER's application for registration as a foreign limited liability company in Arizona was approved on June 30, 2003. G'IEBER

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relocated from Massachusetts to Arizona in November of 2001 and is currently located at 2500 S. Power Road, Mesa, Arizona. G'IEBER is licensed as an investment adviser in Massachusetts and has been since December 6, 2000.

- 3. In or around April 2004, G'IEBER filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission for licensure as an investment adviser. That application was deemed abandoned on or about January 20, 2005, due to G'IEBER's failure to respond to the Division's request for information. On May 18, 2006, G'IEBER filed another application for licensure as an Arizona investment adviser, which is currently pending.
- 4. GOTLIEB, CRD#2089760, is and was at all pertinent times managing member of G'IEBER. GOTLIEB was a securities salesman, registered in Arizona in affiliation with Hibbard Brown & Co., Inc. from October 23, 1991 to April 25, 1992; and with Securities America, Inc. from April 3, 1996 to December 1, 2000. GOTLIEB's registration as a securities salesman in Arizona was automatically suspended, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-1949, on December 1, 2000, when he ceased to be associated with a registered dealer, and expired on December 31, 2000. GOTLIEB is and was at all pertinent times licensed as an investment adviser representative in Massachusetts from December 6, 2000 to the present. GOTLIEB has been a resident of Arizona since November of 2001. GOTLIEB is not and has never been licensed as an investment adviser representative in Arizona. On or about August 16, 2006, GOTLIEB filed an application for licensure as an Arizona investment adviser representative, which is currently pending.
- 5. STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB was at all relevant times the spouse of GOTLIEB and is joined in this action under A.R S. § 44-3291(C) solely for purposes of determining the liability of the marital community. At all relevant times, GOTLIEB and STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB were acting for their own benefit and for the benefit or in furtherance of the marital community.
- 6. G'IEBER AND GOTLIEB may be collectively referred to as "RESPONDENTS." STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB may be referred to as "RESPONDENT SPOUSE."

III. FACTS

- 7. GOTLIEB was a registered securities salesman from approximately 1991.

 According to GOTLIEB, in approximately 2000, he decided to leave the brokerage firm where he was employed and offer his clients an opportunity to "move forward" with him through G'ieber Value Fund L.P. ("G'ieber Fund").
 - 8. G'ieber Fund is a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware in or around April of 2000. G'ieber Fund was registered with the Arizona Secretary of State's Office as a foreign limited partnership on or about December 12, 2002 and is currently located at 2500 S. Power Road, Mesa, Arizona. G'ieber Fund is a pooled investment partnership. G'ieber Fund has approximately 33 limited partners who invested at least \$4,000,000. G'ieber Fund is the sole client of G'IEBER.
- 9. GOTLIEB is the managing and sole member of G'IEBER. G'IEBER is the general partner of G'ieber Fund. GOTLIEB has custody of the client's, G'ieber Fund, assets.
- 10. According to GOTLIEB, RESPONDENTS have been operating as an unlicensed investment adviser and investment adviser representative in Arizona since 2001.

OFFERING MEMORANDUM AND ADVISORY AGREEMENT

- 11. GOTLIEB provided an offering memorandum dated October 19, 2000 to the clients that followed him to G'ieber Fund. The offering memorandum not only explained the sale of the limited partnership interests, it also explained, in detail, the terms of the investment advisory services that would be provided by G'IEBER.
- 12. Pursuant to the offering memorandum, RESPONDENTS make all investment decisions and have full custody and discretion over the funds in G'ieber Fund.
- 13. The offering memorandum outlines G'ieber Fund's investment strategies. G'ieber Fund's objective is to generate substantial capital appreciation during periods of market strength, while preserving capital and profiting selectively during periods of stock market weakness. G'ieber

Fund seeks substantial capital appreciation by investing in, and trading equities, options and other investments.

- 14. According to the offering memorandum, G'IEBER was to receive compensation for providing investment advice and managing the investments of G'ieber Fund in the form of management fees, as well as receiving a share of the profits of the G'ieber Fund. The General Partner would be paid by G'ieber Fund a monthly management fee equal to 1/12th of 1% (approximately 1.0% annually) of the net asset value of each limited partner's book capital account. The offering memorandum states that G'IEBER would be allotted an incentive equal to 20% of the new appreciation of G'ieber Fund during each calendar quarter. The incentive allocations accrue monthly.
- 15. From about 2001 to about May of 2006, G'IEBER collected fees from G'ieber Fund for providing investment advisory services. Beginning in about May of 2006, after being notified that G'IEBER could not to receive compensation for investment advisory services provided to G'ieber Fund unless licensed or exempt from licensure, G'IEBER continued to accrue fees from G'ieber Fund by deducting the fees from the limited partners' capital accounts. G'IEBER has not collected the fees.
- 16. The offering memorandum further outlines that all investment decisions will be made exclusively by GOTLIEB through G'IEBER. The offering memorandum states that G'IEBER has unlimited authority to administer the financial activities of G'ieber Fund. Further, the offering memorandum states that GOTLIEB will supervise all of G'ieber Fund's investment and administrative functions.
- 17. The offering memorandum states that the success of G'ieber Fund will depend on the ability of GOTLIEB to develop and implement investment strategies to achieve G'ieber Fund's investment objectives.

¹ Great Southwest Mortgage and Western Horizon Mortgage

18. The offering memorandum discloses that G'IEBER is to provide office space and certain support services at no cost to G'ieber Fund. GOTLIEB through G'IEBER, however, invested G'ieber Fund money in an office building in Mesa, Arizona, which housed not only G'ieber Fund but also G'IEBER and GOTLIEB's mortgage broker¹ businesses.

- 19. Pursuant to the offering memorandum, G'ieber Fund was to provide GOTLIEB a 20 year life insurance policy with death benefits of one million dollars. The beneficiary was to be G'ieber Fund. According to GOTLIEB, G'ieber Fund is paying for an insurance policy on GOTLIEB in the amount of two million dollars. G'ieber Fund is the beneficiary for one million dollars; GOTLIEB's family is the beneficiary of the remaining one million dollars. G'ieber Fund is not reimbursed for the expense of the extra coverage.
- 20. Although the offering memorandum generally discloses conflicts of interest it does not disclose specific conflicts that may be present involving the general partner and its affiliates. The offering memorandum is silent regarding material conflicts of interest.
- 21. The offering memorandum provides for payment of management fees and profit incentive fees to G'IEBER. The offering memorandum does not provide for "salary" payments directly to GOTLIEB. According to bank records, payments were made from the G'ieber Fund bank accounts to GOTLIEB's personal bank account documented as "salary advance".
- 22. In addition to the offering memorandum, RESPONDENTS gave the limited partners in G'ieber Fund a limited partnership agreement. The limited partnership agreement states that G'IEBER, the general partner, may withdraw or receive a distribution of any portion of its own interests upon notice to the limited partners. According to GOTLIEB, G'IEBER has been liquidating its shares without the required notice to the investors.

23. The offering memorandum identifies G'ieber Fund's investment objective as substantial capital appreciation by investing in and trading equities, options and other tangible investments. Since the beginning of G'ieber Fund, the main investments made by G'ieber Fund were in stocks. In about 2004, G'ieber Fund began funding loans to individuals. The loans were secured by deeds of trust. On a number of occasions, the notes and deeds of trust were for the benefit of GOTLIEB and his spouse, STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB. On at least one occasion, the note was for the benefit of STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB only.

G'IEBER FINANCIAL WEBSITE

24. RESPONDENTS maintain a website that provides information about G'IEBER, GOTLIEB and G'ieber Fund. The website includes performance history and investment strategies of the RESPONDENTS and G'ieber Fund. The general public is able to access almost all information on the website. The website restricts access to individual account statements to the individual limited partners. Potential investors are able to request information through the website.

COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION

- 25. On or about October of 2000, GOTLIEB became a director and recording secretary of COMMUNITY CAPITAL CORPORATION ("CCC"). Upon information and belief, CCC was a mortgage lender and broker conducting business in California, Arizona and other states. CCC is a corporation organized under the laws of California on February 4, 1999. CCC filed in Arizona as a foreign corporation in November of 2000. CCC's application for registration as a foreign corporation was approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission on November 2, 2000.
- 26. As of February 5, 2001, GOTLIEB became Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and continued to be a director and the recording secretary of CCC.
- 27. Between February 1, 2001 and August 31, 2001, G'ieber Fund purchased 100,000 shares of stock in CCC for approximately \$200,000. CCC used the money from the sale of stock for the operations of CCC.

26 David Gotlieb's brother.

- 28. G'ieber Fund made a series of investments in CCC. The decision to have G'ieber Fund invest in CCC was made by GOTLIEB as managing member of G'IEBER, the general partner of G'ieber Fund.
- 29. As CFO of CCC and a member of the board of directors, GOTLIEB had knowledge of CCC's financial condition. G'ieber Fund, through G'IEBER, under the control of GOTLIEB, invested in CCC through a series of notes. The promissory notes between G'ieber Fund and CCC were signed by GOTLIEB as principal of the general partner and Daniel Gotlieb¹, Chief Operating Officer of CCC. According to GOTLIEB, CCC required an investment of funds to cover operational expenses, including salary.
- 30. On or about September 27, 2001, G'ieber Fund lent CCC \$50,000 evidenced by a promissory note. The note was for a term of 30 days at 12% annualized rate. CCC was to pay the principal and the interest back to G'ieber Fund on or before October 29, 2001.
 - 31. CCC did not pay the note due on October 29, 2001.
- 32. Even though the first note was in default, on November 28, 2001, G'ieber Fund lent an additional \$90,000 to CCC. A promissory note was executed between G'ieber Fund and CCC. The principal was due on December 31, 2001. According to GOTLIEB, CCC was in significant trouble at this point.
- 33. On or about December 1, 2001, CCC held a Board of Directors meeting at which GOTLIEB was present. At the meeting, all board members agreed that CCC was in financial crisis.
- 34. At this time, GOTLIEB proposed converting the G'ieber Fund notes totaling \$140,000 to CCC stock or alternatively, to close down CCC and pay G'ieber Fund the funds owed.
- 35. With the prior two notes in default, on December 14, 2001, G'ieber Fund lent an additional \$13,000 to CCC through another promissory note. According to GOTLIEB, CCC

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needed to pay rent. The note was due on December 31, 2001. On December 14, 2001, the September 27, 2001 note had not been paid.

- 36. At the time of the December 29, 2001 CCC special shareholders meeting, G'ieber Fund held \$153,000 in due or delinquent notes from CCC. GOTLIEB's company American Impound Tax Services ("AITS") held an outstanding note from CCC in the amount of \$7,000.
 - 37. On January 2, 2002, G'ieber Fund sent a notice of delinquency to CCC.
- 38. With the prior notes in default, on January 14, 2002, G'ieber Fund lent an additional \$50,000 to CCC evidenced by a promissory note. The term of the note was fifteen days. CCC was to fund operations with the \$50,000.
- 39. Even though the prior notes were in default, on January 14, 2002, G'ieber Fund issued a line of credit to CCC in the amount of \$1,000,000. At the time the line of credit was opened, CCC was delinquent on the previous promissory notes issued by G'ieber Fund.
- 40. On or about January 17, 2002, CCC held a special shareholder's meeting. At this meeting, GOTLIEB disclosed to the board that CCC would have a negative net worth as of December 31, 2001 if the current notes payable were not converted to stock or paid off. The current notes payable amounted to \$153,000 to G'ieber Fund and \$7,000 to AITS.
- 41. On or about January 11, 2002 G'ieber Fund obtained a loan from Wells Fargo in the amount of \$42,000. The loan was guaranteed by G'IEBER. On or about December 21, 2001, G'ieber Fund had placed \$42,000 into a certificate of deposit with restricted access to secure the loan subsequently obtained by G'ieber Fund.
- 42. At the January 17, 2002 special shareholder's meeting, a proposal by G'IEBER through GOTLIEB was made to the CCC board. The proposal included that G'IEBER would purchase and lease to CCC an information system including WAN and email. The lease was for 36 months at 18% interest with a \$1.00 buy out option at the end of the lease. A leasing contract was to be signed by CCC and G'IEBER.

- 43. On or about January 22, 2002, Wells Fargo transferred \$42,000 into G'ieber Fund's account. Upon information and belief, on or about January 31, 2002, G'ieber Fund transferred \$41,303.58 to a JP Morgan Chase account for the purchase of an information system for CCC. CCC then made only two online transfers to G'ieber Fund bank accounts in the amount of \$1,493.22 with references to "lease for Dell". G'ieber Fund paid the monthly payments to Wells Fargo on the loan.
- 44. GOTLIEB closed down CCC in early 2003. GOTLIEB turned in the mortgage broker license held by CCC to the Department of Financial Institutions in January of 2003.
- 45. The limited partners of G'ieber Fund were not told of the material conflicts of interest involving G'IEBER and GOTLIEB, including, but not limited to the fact that GOTLIEB was the CFO, board member and recording secretary of CCC and knew of the serious financial problems that existed at CCC. According to GOTLIEB, he received salary payments from CCC that were funded by the loans from G'ieber Fund.

GREAT SOUTHWEST MORTGAGE

- 46. In January of 2003, GOTLIEB became a branch manager for Great Southwest Mortgage. GOTLIEB made representations to the Securities Division that a merger took place between CCC and Great Southwest Mortgage. In some instances, GOTLIEB represented that CCC just became Great Southwest Mortgage. At other times, GOTLIEB represented that G'ieber Fund was a 10% owner of the branch of Great Southwest Mortgage. The Branch Agreement signed by GOTLIEB does not mention the 10% ownership by G'ieber Fund. In fact, the Branch Agreement requires GOTLIEB to devote his full and complete time and effort to Great Southwest Mortgage. The G'ieber Fund offering memorandum states that GOTLIEB will spend the majority of his professional time on G'ieber Fund affairs.
- 47. Although there is no direct connection between G'ieber Fund and Great Southwest Mortgage, G'ieber Fund paid for telephone systems, advertising and other expenses for Great

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REMEDIES PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 44-3201

(Denial, Revocation or Suspension of Investment Adviser or Investment Adviser Representative License; Restitution, Penalties, or other Affirmative Action)

- 54. RESPONDENTS G'IEBER's and GOTLIEB's conduct is grounds to deny RESPONDENTS G'IEBER's and GOTLIEB's applications as an investment adviser and investment adviser representative with the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-3201. Specifically, denial of RESPONDENTS G'IEBER's and GOTLIEB's applications would be in the public interest and:
- a) RESPONDENTS G'IEBER's and GOTLIEB's applications for licensure are incomplete, inaccurate or misleading within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(1). RESPONDENTS have failed to provide documents that were requested.
- b) RESPONDENT G'IEBER is insolvent or is in an unsound financial condition within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(2). The only source of income for G'IEBER is G'ieber Fund. In fact, according to the offering memorandum, G'IEBER and G'ieber Fund were newly formed entities created solely for the purposes outlined in the offering memorandum. Neither G'IEBER nor G'ieber Fund had been capitalized beyond certain minimum, immaterial levels. Further, GOTLIEB admitted that G'IEBER's sole source of income was from the G'ieber Fund fees.
- c) RESPONDENTS G'IEBER and GOTLIEB have violated the Investment Management Act and Rules by continuing to provide financial advice for compensation without being licensed within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(3).
- d) RESPONDENTS further violated the Investment Management Act and Rules within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(3) by:
 - (1) RESPONDENTS failed to provide account statements to the limited partners that identified the amount of funds, amount of each security in custody and setting forth all transactions in the account during the statement period as required by A.A.C. R14-6-206(A)(4)(b)(i); and

- (2) RESPONDENTS failed to comply with auditing requirements for funds in custody and control of RESPONDENTS within the meaning of A.A.C. R14-6-206(A)(4)(b)(ii).
- e) RESPONDENTS G'IEBER and GOTLIEB failed to file with the Commission all information required under the IM Act and Rules and refused to permit an examination within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(4) by failing to provide requested documentation or provide responses to subpoenas specifically related to the use of limited partners' funds pursuant to A.R.S. §44-3132(2).
- f) RESPONDENT G'IEBER knowingly retained an unlicensed investment adviser representative within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(5). GOTLIEB has not been licensed as an investment adviser representative in the state of Arizona.
- g) RESPONDENT G'IEBER permitted RESPONDENT GOTLIEB to render investment advice in violation of the Investment Management Act and Rules within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(6). GOTLIEB admits to making all investment decisions on behalf of G'IEBER, the general partner of G'ieber Fund. The offering memorandum sets forth that GOTLIEB is to make all investment decisions on behalf of G'ieber Fund.
- h) RESPONDENTS G'IEBER and GOTLIEB engaged in dishonest or unethical practices in the securities industry within the meaning of A.R.S. §44-3201(A)(13) including but not limited to:
 - i) Refusing to allow or otherwise impeding the Commission from conducting an investigation or examination under the IM Act or any rule adopted thereunder within the meaning of R14-6-203(1) by failing to provide, as requested and subpoenaed, detailed financial information related to use of limited partners' funds including but not limited to cash receipts journals, cash disbursement

bank statements, and documents showing the calculations for management and 1 incentive fees. 2 ii) Failing to disclose a conflict of interest that impaired the rendering of unbiased 3 and objective advice to the detriment of the partners within the meaning of R14-4 6-203(11). 5 VI. 6 **VIOLATION OF A.R.S. § 44-3241** 7 (Fraud in the Provision of Investment Advisory Services) 56. RESPONDENTS G'IEBER and GOTLIEB engaged in a transaction or transactions 8 9 within or from Arizona involving the provision of investment advisory services in which RESPONDENTS G'IEBER and GOTLIEB, directly or indirectly: (i) employed a device, scheme or 10 artifice to defraud; (ii) made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts 11 which were necessary in order to make the statements made not misleading in light of the 12 13 circumstances under which they were made; (iii) misrepresented professional qualifications with the intent that the client rely on the misrepresentation; and (iv) engaged in transactions, practices or 14 15 courses of business which operated or would operate as a fraud or deceit. RESPONDENTS 16 G'IEBER and GOTLIEB conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following: 17 a) Failing to have an independent certified public accountant verify all client funds and 18 securities by actual examination at least once during each calendar year without notice as defined by 19 A.A.C. R14-6-206(A)(4)(b)(i); b) Failing to have an independent certified public accountant file a copy of the auditor's 20 21 report and financial statements with the Commission within 30 days after the completion of the 22 examination along with a letter stating that they examined the funds and securities and describing the 23 nature and extend of the examination as defined by A.A.C. R14-6-206(A)(4)(b)(ii); Failing to disclose all material conflicts of interest of GOTLIEB including but not c) 24 limited to: 25

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6. Order the denial of RESPONDENT GOTLIEB's application as an investment adviser representative pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-3201;

- 7. Order that the marital community of GOTLIEB and SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB be subject to any order of restitution, administrative penalties, or other appropriate affirmative action pursuant to A.R.S. § 25-215; and
 - 8. Order any other relief that the Commission deems appropriate.

VIII. **HEARING OPPORTUNITY**

RESPONDENTS G'IEBER and GOTLIEB, including STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB, may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-3212 and A.A.C. R14-4-306. If any RESPONDENTS G'IEBER, GOTLIEB or STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB, requests a hearing, the requesting RESPONDENTS must also answer this Notice. A request for hearing must be in writing and received by the Commission within 10 business days after service of this Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Each RESPONDENTS G'IEBER, GOTLIEB and STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB must deliver or mail the request to Docket Control, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Filing instructions may be obtained from Docket Control by calling (602)Commission's 542-3477 on the Internet web site at http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Hearings/Docket.asp

If a request for a hearing is timely made, the Commission shall schedule the hearing to begin 20 to 60 days from the receipt of the request unless otherwise provided by law, stipulated by the parties, or ordered by the Commission. If a request for a hearing is not timely made, the Commission may, without a hearing, enter an order against each RESPONDENTS G'IEBER, GOTLIEB and STACEY SCIBELLI-GOTLIEB granting the relief requested by the Division in this Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting Linda Hogan,

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<u>lhogan@azcc.gov</u>. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the 3

accommodation.

IX. **ANSWER REQUIREMENT**

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-305, if any RESPONDENTS request a hearing, requesting RESPONDENTS must deliver or mail an Answer to this Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Docket Control, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, within 30 calendar days after the date of service of this Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Filing instructions may be obtained from Docket Control by calling (602) 542-3477 or on the Commission's Internet web site at http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Hearings/Docket.asp

Executive Assistant to the Executive Director, voice phone number 602/542-3931, e-mail

Additionally, the RESPONDENTS must serve the Answer upon the Division. Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-4-303, service upon the Division may be made by mailing or by hand-delivering a copy of the Answer to the Division at 1300 West Washington, 3rd Floor, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, addressed to Wendy Coy.

The Answer shall contain an admission or denial of each allegation in this Notice and the original signature of the answering RESPONDENT or RESPONDENT'S attorney. A statement of a lack of sufficient knowledge or information shall be considered a denial of an allegation. An allegation not denied shall be considered admitted.

When a RESPONDENT intends in good faith to deny only a part or a qualification of an allegation, the RESPONDENT shall specify that part or qualification of the allegation and shall admit the remainder. The RESPONDENT waives any affirmative defense not raised in the answer.

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The officer presiding over the hearing may grant relief from the requirement to file an Answer for good cause shown. Dated this 28th day of September, 2007. Mark Dinell Assistant Director of Securities